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Timely Tidbits ...

Judicial Candidates Answer Questions

If you're still undecided about who to support in the upcoming election for judge of the 34th District Court, be sure to check out page three of this issue, where you'll find questionnaire responses from candidates Norman C. Kohlstrand and Brian A. Oakley. Their answers will give you a good idea about their qualifications and their priorities.

Craft Show at RHS

Rosalie Berlinn, Advisor to Romulus High School's Class of 2002, is urging the community to come out on Saturday, September 26, and show its support of a craft sale that the freshmen students will hold in the High School cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Our students will use the money raised from this event for a variety of worthwhile projects," said Berlinn. "Part of the funds will go toward community-service programs such as a 'Rake and Run' in October, a Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens, and holiday food baskets for the needy in December. The remainder will go in the Class treasury to offset the cost of graduation, prom, and other school activities."

Among the wide variety of craft items that will be available for sale are Victorian pins, wreaths and flower arrangements, clay pots, porcelain teacups, crystal angels, dolls, handmade clothing, hats and slippers, sweatshirts and t-shirts, and woodcraft items such as shelves, cradles, rocking horses, and decorative, painted wood items. There also will be plenty of seasonal/holiday items such as Halloween decorations, Christmas ornaments, and the like.

Other attractions will include shopping at the School Store, a Beanie Baby table, a car wash, and a bake sale, as well as a refreshment stand where delicious homemade soup, hot dogs, sloppy joes, "tacos in a bag," chips, pop, and other items will be available for purchase. □

Adkins Wins \$25,000 Educator Award

By Kristi Stephens

All across America, educators associate Romulus Community Schools with state-of-the-art, computer-related technology in the classroom. The District is widely recognized for the commitment that School Board members, administrators, teachers, and taxpayers have made toward preparing our students for careers in the twenty-first century.

However, recent events may be giving an added dimension to our schools' already fine reputation.

Although fewer than 60 Michiganders have received the prestigious Milken National Educator Award since 1990, two of those recipients have been Romulus Community Schools administrators. Thomas Dolan, the District's Director of Curriculum, garnered the award in 1993, during his tenure as principal of Romulus High School. Earlier this month, Phyllis Adkins, the principal at Cory Elementary School, learned that she had become the second Romulus educator to be so honored.

Adkins received her award at a special school assembly attended by more than 500 students, school and district personnel, and other well-wishers from the community, as well as Dr. Jane Foley, Vice President of the Milken Family Foundation, and Arthur Ellis, Superintendent of Public Instruction, who came down from Lansing to make the presentation.

"The four individuals we honor this year exemplify what public education is all about," Ellis said of Adkins and the State's three other Milken Award winners for 1998. "Each has built a reputation for excellence which shows in the lasting difference they make in the lives of their students. The National Educator Awards exemplify what choosing excellence can do to build the spirit and commitment of students, parents, teachers, and the community."

Making the presentation especially moving was the fact that Adkins had not been told about it ahead of time.

"Ms. Adkins was really surprised when she found out she had won such an important award," said Danielle Stephens, a second-grade student at Cory. "It made her so happy that she cried."

"All of us are really proud of her," she added. "When I saw her in the hall a few days later, I hugged her and told her, 'Congratulations!'"

Adkins later explained how the surprise was "pulled off."

"Tom Dolan called me and told me that Superintendent Ellis and a number of other officials from the State were coming down for a firsthand look at our school's technology, and to congratulate us on our improved MEAP [Michigan Educational Assessment Program] performance. It wasn't until halfway through the ceremony that I realized they were talking about me."



Phyllis Adkins

Adkins' resumé is an impressive compilation of degrees, special training, and professional and community experience. The knowledge gained from her 23 years in education has been put to good use in Romulus.

Although it would be difficult to single out one achievement as her most important contribution to the District, Adkins is especially proud of her recent work as coordinator of a "compact" between teachers, students, parents, and other community members.

"Our School-Community Committee, which developed the compact, is made up of people from all walks of life," she said. "Board members, teachers, social workers, parents, business leaders, City officials, ministers, police officers . . . all have come together to find answers to the question, 'What can we, as a community, do to improve student achievement?' We all want the best for our children, and that's what continues to drive us."

On November 19, Adkins and the State's three other winners will be honored at an awards luncheon at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and Grand Center in Grand Rapids.

Sometime next June, they will fly to California to attend a Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference, where each will receive an unrestricted cash award of \$25,000 during a ceremony in their honor. Altogether, the Foundation has given out more than \$33 million since the program began. □

Pumpkin Fest Was Fun for All

A throng of people filled downtown Romulus on Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, during the City's second annual Pumpkin Festival. Area residents enjoyed live entertainment, contests, kiddie games, craft displays, informational exhibits, and lots of good food.

"The festival was an enormous success, thanks to the many, many people who worked so hard to plan it, organize it, and run it," said Festival Co-chairman Maria Lambert. "DPW workers and other City of Romulus personnel, Romulus Community Schools employees, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and the entire Festival Committee are among those who deserve thanks, as well as people like Bob Youtsey, who lent his electrical expertise to the preparations." □

Also among the busy were local senior citizens who, under the direction of Romulus Senior Center Coordinator Linda Norman, organized a craft show, joined the Romulus Kiwanis in hosting a refreshment area, and contributed to the Festival's live entertainment with an enthusiastic performance of the cancan by the Center's very own Rockin' "R" Sweeties.

Lambert reports that the Festival Committee will meet next month to review this year's festival, then begin making plans and recruiting volunteers for next year's event when the Committee's meetings resume in either January or February.

For a complete list of the Festival's contest winners, see page 9. Photos can be found on page 7. □

Warfield Participates in Health Forum with VP Gore

Ken Warfield, who will vie with Senator Loren Bennett for the 8th State Senate District this November, joined with Vice President Al Gore Wednesday to discuss making the health-care system serve patients better.

"We heard several horror stories from patients and doctors who couldn't get HMOs [health maintenance organizations] to pay for treatment," said Warfield. "These folks are being denied the care they need because the HMOs are only worried about the bottom line."

"I'm determined to fix this situation when I get to Lansing."

Warfield supports making HMOs accountable in a court of law if they injure a patient by denying treatment.

"If these HMOs had to answer in court for their decisions, I bet we wouldn't have a lot of these problems," he said. "Right now, they are accountable to no one but their own bottom line."

"The folks who spoke at this meeting told heart-wrenching stories of friends and relatives who were denied treatment. They were clearly wronged by their HMO. I think the HMOs should be held accountable."

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Ken Warfield

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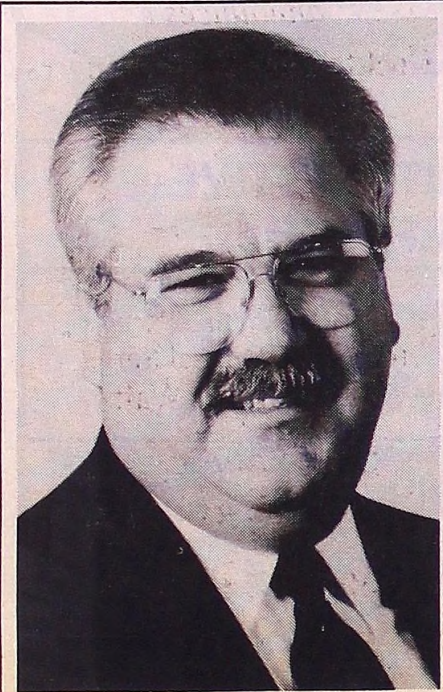
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Candidates for 34th District Court Judge Respond to Questionnaire

Norman C. Kohlstrand



Norman C. Kohlstrand

Marital status

Married to Kathleen (the love of my life) for 30 years

Children (if any)

John, 28, hard news/feature writer (Gannett); Kelly, 26, mechanical engineer, Ford Motor Company; Michael, 25, entrepreneur

Number of years as a resident within the 34th District Court's area of jurisdiction

Ninth year

Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns

734-654-3370 (headquarters)

QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

As you seek election to the 34th District Court bench, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?

It would probably be inappropriate to advance a single "issue" as a campaign platform plank in a judicial race. To do so may give the appearance of some form of predisposition on a subject that may come before the court for a determination on the evidence presented in that particular matter.

I feel this question is best answered by identifying the primary plank of my campaign platform as my experience. I believe that my life's experiences make me the much better qualified candidate. I have practiced the law for a period of time only slightly less than my opponent, but, with my background as city attorney for Woodhaven, Dearborn Heights, and Romulus (under the McAnally administration), I have a significantly greater level of experience, both in the courtroom and in actual trial. In addition, I have the advantage of having tried cases from both the prosecution and the defense side, so I understand and appreciate both positions.

The voters must also consider that I bring a third dimension to the bench. With the advent of the Victim's Rights Act, a great deal of focus is upon the victims in assaultive-type crimes. In the courtroom, or even in the attorney's office, the violence is not nearly as evident as it is on the scene. I have been there, in the houses that were once homes, but now hold only the shards of broken dreams and shattered families. I have heard the crying of the abused and battered spouses, seen their

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Brian A. Oakley

PERSONAL DATA

Age

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Education

Graduate of Romulus Senior High School; Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Michigan State University; Juris Doctorate (law degree) from Wayne State University Law School

Occupation (past and present)

Self-employed general-practice attorney for 11 years; construction work during college and law school

Professional memberships

Member, State Bar Association of Michigan; past president, Suburban Bar Association

Military service

None

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member

Secretary, Romulus Educational Foundation; member of the Romulus Schools Technology Alignment Committee, Romulus High School Alumni Standing Committee, Greater Romulus Area Boys and Girls Club, Romulus Historical Society, Romulus Community Business Alliance Advisory Board, Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation-Western Wayne Regional Center, Huron Valley Conservation Association, and the Community United Methodist Church; certified as a hunter-safety instructor

Other community-service work

Volunteer one day each month at the Romulus Senior Center, giving free legal advice; help to organize Law Day activities at the 34th and 29th district courts; make various appearances at local schools for career days, government class discussions, etc.

Marital status

Married to wife, Susanne E. Oakley, for nine years (as of October 21, 1998)

Children (if any)

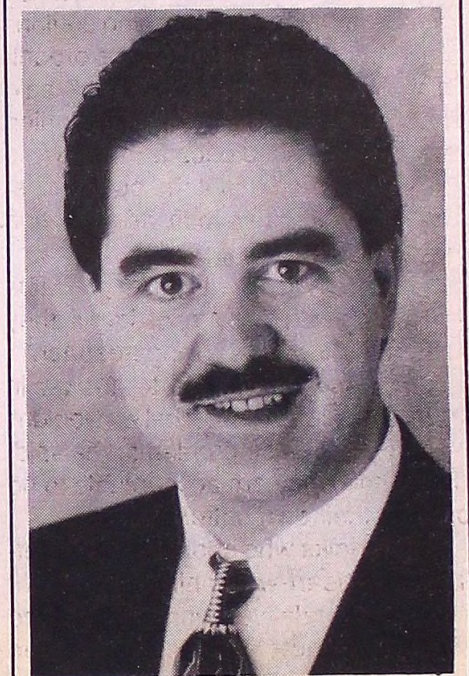
Daughter, Cheyenne A. Oakley, is seven years old

Number of years as a resident within the 34th District Court's area of jurisdiction

37

Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns

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Brian A. Oakley

QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

As you seek election to the 34th District Court bench, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?

The primary issue in this campaign is the integrity and compassion of the candidates. I believe that the best candidate should have the ability to treat all people fairly and make decisions based on the law and the facts, without being motivated by any bias or prejudice. I know that I am that candidate.

QUESTION #2

In your opinion, what aspect of the service provided by the 34th District Court most needs improvement? Keeping in mind the powers and limitations of your position (if elected), how will you go about facilitating such an improvement?

Our court is an extremely busy one, and, accordingly, the "customers" sometimes get lost in the crowd. I think that a greater emphasis on customer service would be very helpful. In keeping with this, I believe that a "flex-time" schedule for the court employees would not only boost their own job satisfaction and performance, but would also allow us to operate during some nontraditional court hours. This would certainly translate into a much more user-friendly court for all our "customers." The court is, after all, set up to serve the people of the 34th District.

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PERSONAL DATA

Age

52

Education

Schoolcraft Community College, Associate of Science Degree; Madonna College, Bachelor of Science Degree (with honors); Detroit College of Law, Juris Doctorate (cum laude)

Occupation (past and present)

Currently a private-practice attorney and judicial candidate; formerly of Michael Berry; former Wayne County Sheriff Lieutenant

Professional memberships

Michigan Bar Association, Suburban Bar Association, Monroe County Bar Association, Michigan Society of Professional Planners

Military service

United States Air Force, 1965-69 - pararescueman (rescue and survival technician)

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member

Veterans of Foreign Wars (life member); former Parish Council member; Huron Historical Society member; current chair of the Huron Township Planning Commission; volunteer, Huron Applefest and St. Stephen Festival

Other community-service work

Huron Beautification Committee; Huron Township Capital Improvement Committee; Parish Stewardship Administration Committee

Kohlstrand Questionnaire

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wounds bleed and swell, comforted their children who were frightened and shocked out of their wits because they simply did not understand why mommy and daddy were fighting so much. I have been sent to keep the peace because no one else could . . . because too much alcohol or other substances had been abused by someone who had simply reached his or her limit. I understand the terror of the unknown circumstances, late at night, with nowhere to go but out of the house for the sake of safety. I have seen those who are economically trapped and feel they are emotionally trapped as well. I have seen it first hand, dealt with it first hand, and I understand it and have compassion for it . . . and for all people in these circumstances.

QUESTION #2

In your opinion, what aspect of the service provided by the 34th District Court most needs improvement? Keeping in mind the powers and limitations of your position (if elected), how will you go about facilitating such an improvement?

In my opinion, the court does a good job, considering the sheer volume of cases it handles. The biggest complaint that citizens have brought to my attention is the amount of time it takes for the process. When a citizen goes to a hearing on a traffic ticket and either pleads responsible or is found responsible, he or she should not have to wait *hours* to pay the fine that was assessed.

I feel that working with the court's administrator toward further streamlining the system to make it more efficient and more "people friendly" can go a long way toward improving the overall operation of the court.

QUESTION #3

What do you believe are a district-court judge's foremost responsibilities to the community?

I believe that the most important responsibility a district court judge has to the community is to *do what the community has elected him to do!* That means being there, on time, ready to conduct the business of the court. That means being available to the orderly and efficient administration of justice, with the appropriate level of judicial temperament. That means being the judge, in the court. Certainly, community involvement is an important aspect of a judge's life, and well it should be. However, I believe that, for the most part, such community involvement should be outside the normal business of the court. Just because I am elected does not mean I will forego my involvement with the Huron Historical Society or decrease my church-related activities. Of course, schools and the educational process are very important to me — that's why the Michigan Federation of

Teachers has endorsed me. My courtroom will always be open to students and, as in the past, I will always be available to speak in the schools, at any level, if our educators should so desire.

QUESTION #4

With regard to those aspects of a judge's duty that permit him to use his own discretion (such as in setting the terms of a sentence when the law provides for a range of possibilities), suppose that you found yourself personally opposed to the opinion of a clear majority of the residents within the Court's jurisdiction. Do you believe that it would be your duty to put aside your personal convictions when making your decision, and act in accordance with the desire of the majority? Or would your duty lie in following your own beliefs and experience? Why?

I believe that if a conflict arises between the judge's personal convictions and the operation of the law, the judge must put aside his or her personal convictions. The legal system is, by nature, undemocratic, and although popular opinion is important, it should not taint or sway a judge in the decision-making process. The most classic example that comes to mind is when a person is charged with a criminal offense that has the community up in arms. That person is entitled to certain presumptions in our legal system, and amongst those is the presumption of innocence. Unless the crime is murder or treason, there is a constitutional right to bail. Bail should be set in an amount to guarantee the appearance of the accused, and should not be used as a punishment. Of course, the safety of the public should also be considered when setting a bond. Often, the public will cry out for no bond or for a bond that is outrageously high. Unless the judge is convinced the accused presents a risk to public safety or is a flight risk, bail should be set at a level that is reasonable considering all the attendant circumstances.

QUESTION #5

Why are you seeking a judgeship at the 34th District Court, and what makes you the *best* candidate?

I am seeking this judgeship because I believe it is the best way I can serve our communities. I am extremely well qualified and have the most experience in dealing with life and the people of these communities, at their best and at their worst. I have the understanding and the temperament for the bench. And, because the vast majority of the court's business is criminal in nature, I have the best possible perspective. I have seen criminal cases from all the varying aspects and can view them from a 360-degree perspective. Plus, I have the compassion, coupled with the integrity, to stand up for what I believe is right. □



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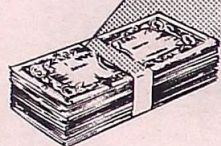
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The Flyers are composed of three squads: Freshman, ages eight to nine; Junior Varsity, ages 10 to 11; and Varsity, ages 12 to 13. Each squad is made up of about 33 football players and about 15 cheerleaders.

Scrimmage – Taylor Mustangs

On September 4, the Flyers' pre-season scrimmage against the Taylor Mustangs was a resounding success. In the Freshman game, the Flyers had it pretty tough until late in the day, when they finally took command to out-score the strong squad from Taylor. Head Coach Steve Bednar stated that he was very proud of his players' performance.

In the Junior Varsity game, it was a very different contest, with the Flyers JV dominating the Mustangs from beginning to end. Scoring on several long runs and a couple of short ones, the Flyers never looked threatened. Head Coach John Wester said that the Flyer JV performance was better than he ever imagined, and hoped to see the same kind of effort throughout the rest of the season.

In the Varsity game, the story was much the same. The Flyer Varsity handled the team from Taylor, starting slow and then finishing with a string of big plays that took the heart out of the Mustangs. Head Coach Art Herbert, who plans to retire at the end of this season, had nothing but praises for his small but very aggressive group of young men.

As far as the cheerleaders were concerned, all three squads performed well in their first outing. Director Ellen Bragg, who assumed the position in January, has had the daunting task of supervising a brand-new staff.

Game #1 – Dearborn Heights Raiders

The Romulus Flyers hosted the Dearborn Heights Raiders on Saturday, September 12, in the first game of their 1998 season. The Raiders took two of the three games, but it was still a good day for the Flyers.

The Freshman Flyers had a difficult time with the Raiders. After holding the game close through the middle of the second quarter, the Raiders took control and handed the Flyers a painful 38–12 loss. One bright spot for the Flyers was Brian Demoisey's long run for a touchdown. The team was led defensively by the play of Doug Boner.

In the JV contest, the Flyers were dominant on both sides of the ball, putting together a solid performance for a 32–0 win. The Raiders were never able to mount a serious drive, and the JV Flyers got their first shutout since game one of the 1997 season. Leading the defense was Georjon Garland, who had seven solo tackles, and James Kendrick, who recovered a fumble and took it 40 yards for a TD. On offense, the Flyers were unstoppable. James Kendrick led the way with three touchdowns.

In the Varsity competition, the Flyers ran up against another tough Raider team. The game was close throughout, but ended with a 21–12 loss for the Flyers. The team was led by Perry Gray, a six-year veteran who made several big runs and threw for a touchdown pass. Spearheading the defense with gutsy play was Ron Ford. The Flyers were in the game until early in the fourth quarter, when the Raiders scored their final touchdown. The Flyers were driving for another score late in the fourth quarter when time finally ran out. □

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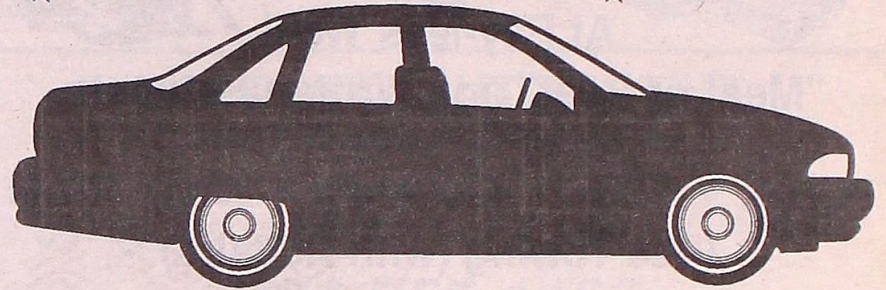
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Pumpkin Fest, 1998



Taking a break to enjoy a little snack at the Romulus Kiwanis/ Romulus Senior Center refreshment area were (from left) Nancy Daniels and her mom, Margaret Meldrum.



Brian Oakley took advantage of the great opportunity to meet lots of new people and campaign for a seat on the 34th District Court bench.



Officer John Smagner did double duty when he fingerprinted these two girls at the Romulus Police Department's information tent.



Among the beautiful crafts for sale was Kwillow work by Jean Pressler.



Out enjoying a sunny Saturday afternoon were (back, from left) Sonia Dillard, Patricia Barden, Jasmine Noble, and (front, from left) Anjeil Shreve and Patrice Barden.



The Romulus Senior Center's own Rockin' "R" Sweeties didn't mind showing a little leg after performing the cancan.

Community Calendar

- **Bicycle Safety/Registration Program** – Romulus Community Police Officers and the Romulus Public Library are joining together to sponsor a bicycle safety/registration program, to be held at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 26. Not only is this program free to all Romulus residents, but the first 45 to complete the course (and who have a bicycle) will be given a free bicycle helmet! For more information about this program, call Romulus Community Policing (942-6871) or the Library (942-7589).
- **Flyers Football** – The Romulus Flyers – a member of the DownRiver Junior Football League – will play a home game against the Huron River Yellow Jackets on Saturday, September 26, at Romulus Middle School. Game time is 1 p.m.
- **New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates Its Silver Anniversary** – Pastor Virgin Humes and the congregation of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (located at 5403 South Wayne Road, Wayne) invite the public to attend the Church's 25th anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 27, beginning with early-morning worship (8 a.m.), followed by a continental breakfast (9 a.m.), Sunday school (9:30 a.m.), and late-morning worship (10:45 a.m.). Guest speaker will be the Reverend Clifton Conley, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting** – The Michigan 4-H Foundation will hold its annual membership meeting in the Michigamme Room at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, October 2. For information, contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.
- **Special Events at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) will host the following special events during Applefest weekend (October 3-4): a Country and Craft Show (Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m.), a Soup Luncheon (Saturday, 11 a.m. until sold out), and a Barbecue Chicken/Ribs Dinner (Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. or until sold out). Everyone is welcome.
- **Starting a Child-care Business in Your Home** – Joining Forces (a program of the Downriver Guidance Clinic, funded through the Skillman Foundation) is presenting an informational meeting on how to start a licensed child-care business in your own home. The event is planned for Friday, October 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Romulus Head Start (Beverly School, 35408 Beverly Road). Prizes will be given, refreshments will be available, and child-care will be provided. For more information, contact Vivian McNear at 313-388-4630.
- **Chamber Hosts "Meet the Candidates" Luncheon** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to attend its October 20 luncheon to meet 34th District Court judicial candidates Norman C. Kohlstrand and Brian A. Oakley. The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel (31500 Wickham) at 12 p.m. A donation of \$12 per person (checks preferred) is payable at the door. Since space is limited, early reservations are recommended; deadline for reservations is October 14. For more information, contact the Chamber's Executive Secretary, Karan Johnson, at 734-326-4290.
- **Bake/Rummage Sale at Whispering Willows** – Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) will hold its annual bake and rummage sale in the main lobby area on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
- **Romulus Historical Society Meeting** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street, near the Post Office) on Wednesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 19th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March of 1998. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.
- **Alumni Information Sought** – Romulus High School is working with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to create an alumni directory. The goal of the project is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place. To make the directory as comprehensive as possible, the current names, addresses, and phone numbers of graduates from all class years are needed. Anyone with pertinent information should either phone (800-654-4548) or FAX (800-829-4142) it to Harris Publishing, or mail it to Charlene Davenport (Publicity Coordinator, c/o Graduate Connection, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Virginia 23502).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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Romulus Community Schools PUBLIC NOTICE Annual Report

As required by Public Act #25, the Romulus Community School District will present its 1997-98 Annual Report at the regular Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 12, 1998.

The meeting will be held at 36540 Grant Road in Romulus, Michigan, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

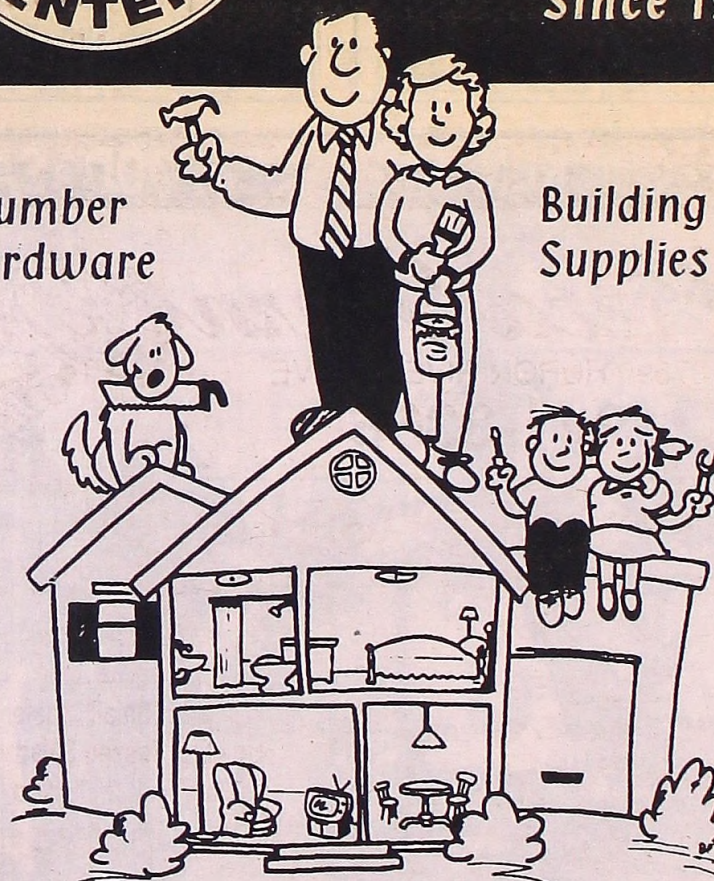
Copies of the Annual Report are being mailed to each household in Romulus as a special pull-out section of *The Link* (the City-Schools newspaper), and also will be available during the meeting on October 12, 1998.



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Pumpkin Festival Contest Winners**Road Rally '98**

(Romulus High School varsity baseball coach Keith Brothers wants to thank the 111 people who participated in the joint RHS baseball/Romulus Little League Baseball Road Rally, as well as the following businesses/groups for their generous donation of prizes and/or cash: Bizarre Buttons, Committee to Elect Brian A. Oakley Judge, Crowne Plaza, Evans Electric, Hilton Suites, Hooters, Johnston Lithograph, Jordans, Leonardo's, Louie's by the Airport, Outback Steakhouse, Rio Bravo, Roma's, Romulus Flowers, 7-Star Print Shop, and the Star Theatre.)

First place (2:13), Gary Harris (captain), Ryan Harris, and Monica Moore; second place (2:17), Brant Freeman (captain), Kathy Freeman, Candy Lewkowicz, and Mark Lewkowicz; third place (2:21), Jim Orme (captain), Robbie Orme, Jim Stasak, and Sheila Stasak.

Sunflower-growing Contests

"Largest Face," Leah Trevorow; "Smallest Face," Leah Trevorow; "Tallest," Justin Oaks; "Shortest," Becky Wymer; and "Most Pitiful," Justin Oaks.

Pumpkin-growing Contests

"Largest," Chris and Kathryn Appel; and "Tallest," Chris and Kathryn Appel.

Pumpkin-decorating Contests

"Best Decorated," Charles Blanton; and "Best Carved," Emily Lewkowicz.

Canning Contests

"Jams," Sanora and James Chapman; "Pickles," Ron and Betty Tackett; "Salsa," Celeste Roscoe; "Tomatoes," Myra Kreyger; and "Miscellaneous," Sanora and James Chapman (soup).

Pie-baking Contests

"Best Overall," Jeannette Murphy (apple); "Pumpkin," Cheryl Blanton; and "Apple," Jeannette Murphy.

Pie-eating Contests

"Age three," Keith Wohlfeil; "ages six to eight," Calvin Hoppa; "ages nine to 10," Kathryn Appel; "ages 11 to 13," Shamara Hill; "ages 14 to 16," Ben Sims; "adult, ladies," Helen Carroll; and "adult, men," Josh Turner.

Pumpkin-rolling Contests

"Ages through two," Autumn Bisson; "age three," Andy Burcroff; "age four," Travis Laporte; "age five," Natalie Randazzo; "age six," Joey Randazzo; "age seven," Chad Williams; "ages eight to nine," John Shelly; and "ages 10 to 12," Cali Trevorow.

Seed-spitting Contest

"Ages two to five," Emily Lewkowicz; "age six, girls," Amber Cornwell; "age six, boys," Donald Williams; "age seven," Chad Williams; "age eight," Felicia Zeestraten; "age nine," John Shelly; "ages 10 and up, boys," Louis Muszynski; "ages 10 and up, girls," Ashley Gorkiewicz; "adult, ladies," Kerry Vaughn; and "adult, men," Paul Lewkowicz.

Hay-rolling Contest

"Ages through two," Quinn Chapman; "ages four to five," Jesse McGrane; "age six," Donald Williams; "ages seven to eight," Miranda Gubaci; "age nine," John Shelly; "ages 10 to 12," William Williams; "adult, ladies," Sandra Chapman; "adult, men," James Chapman, Jr.; and "overall," Sandra Chapman.

Sack Race

"Ages four to five," Jesse McGrane; "age six," Raven Toner; "age seven," Rob Knight; "age nine, girls," Jennifer Dick; "age nine, boys," John Shelly; "ages 10 to 11," William Williams; "adult, ladies," Debbie Chasse; "adult, men," David Marshall; and "overall," David Marshall.

Diaper Derby

"Boys," Zachery Wohlfeil; "girls, 10 months," Clare Freeman; "girls, one year," Emily Burcroff; and "overall," Emily Burcroff. □



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Oakley Questionnaire

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QUESTION #3

What do you believe are a district-court judge's foremost responsibilities to the community?

I believe that a judge's foremost responsibilities to the community are a fair, impartial, and compassionate dispensation of justice, along with strong community involvement. Education and public relations *should* be a strong component of a judge's job duties. If given the good fortune of being elected on November 3, I look forward to "taking my show on the road." I believe that I would be a very effective goodwill ambassador and educator for the court by visiting our schools, senior centers, churches, local municipal meetings, and community events. I believe that doing so will allow people to get to know the court and its employees for a better

understanding of the court's (and the judges') roles in our community. Better community relations are good for everyone, and will make for a more effective court.

QUESTION #4

With regard to those aspects of a judge's duty that permit him to use his own discretion (such as in setting the terms of a sentence when the law provides for a range of possibilities), suppose that you found yourself personally opposed to the opinion of a clear majority of the residents within the Court's jurisdiction. Do you believe that it would be your duty to put aside your personal convictions when making your decision, and act in accordance with the desire of the majority? Or would your duty lie in following your own beliefs and experience? Why?

A judge's duties are regulated by statute, court rules, and the Judicial Code of Ethics. These regulations should have much more impact on a judge's decision in any given situation than public opinion, either of the judge or of the issue to be decided. In those instances where a judge has discretion within said regulations, I believe that a judge should follow his or her own convictions. A judge is elected to apply his or her own experiences, background, and personality to the decision-making process. A judge must not be a barometer of public opinion, ruling one way today and another way if and when public opinion changes.

This is how I believe that a representative form of government is meant to work. This is also why I believe it is important to elect a judge of integrity who has consistently evidenced a true

"connection" with the people in the community.

I believe that I have repeatedly shown this through my voluntary involvement with countless community projects and groups.

QUESTION #5

Why are you seeking a judgeship at the 34th District Court, and what makes you the best candidate?

I am seeking the position because I truly believe that I can make a difference at the court, in our community, and in people's lives. I know that I can redefine how people think of their district court judge and what they expect from the person filling that role.

I am committed to our system of justice and the people of the 34th District Court. I have repeatedly, over the past 11 years, shown that I do not just talk about involvement, I live it. □

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 24, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 24, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed member Lambert absent (excused). All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/98/13 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/98/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of August 10, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following recommendations for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Terri Briston, Health Occupations, High School, Effective September 8, 1998; Amy Carpenter, Special Education, Middle School, Effective September 8, 1998; and Josephine Gaglio, First Grade, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 8, 1998.

8/98/15 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to approve the employment as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Shannon Matuska, Coordinator, Middle School Alternative Program, Effective August 1, 1998; and Leah Ellison, Social Worker, Middle School Alternative Program, Effective August 1, 1998.

8/98/16 Moved by Webb supported by Dick to approve the resignations as offered by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Katherine Carney, Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1998.

8/98/17 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to accept the retirement of Katherine Carney as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/98/18 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb to approve Bills for Payment as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Special Ed Update

Dr. Mary McGill, Director of Special Services, addressed the Board of Education and provided them with an update on facility changes in the special education department. Dr. McGill also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Pregnant Person Program Approval

8/98/19 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 1998-99 Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls as per the attached letter and agreement from the Garden City Schools. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After-school Bible Club

8/98/20 Moved by Webb supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Boys and Girls Bible Clubs as per the attached letter. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Joint City/School Recreation Program

8/98/21 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and jointly sponsor the 1998-99 Recreation Program with the City of Romulus as outlined in the attached. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

M.A.S.B. Election

8/98/22 Moved by Dick supported by Berlinn to select Kathleen M. Chorbagan, Wayne County RESA (ISD) for the one seat At-Large. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District to members of the Board.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Metro Bureau - MASB Board; 2) Channel 41 Status Memo; 3) School Board Workshops; and 4) Finance Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Woods stated that the City/School Meetings went very well. He asked if we were going to have presentations from the different departments. He also asked who owned the abandoned building on Wayne Road in front of Cory.

Mrs. Dick asked if we could give a report on class size. She read an article in the paper and wondered if ours were unusually high. She also asked if there were timers on the tennis court lights and asked about rescheduling the bond issue with the State.

Mrs. Webb remarked about the 1998-99 bus schedule and stated that she hoped that we didn't have problems this year. Mr. Carr stated that we needed bus drivers.

Mr. Kesner noted the Finance Committee Minutes and stated that he thought the Policy Committee should meet as soon as possible.

Executive Session

8/98/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:28 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:53 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/98/24 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
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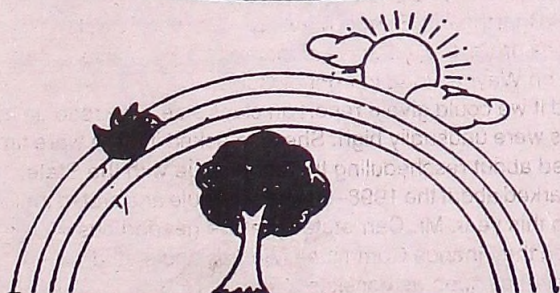
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Seniors Participate in Labor Day Walk

Traveling to Mackinaw City for the State's annual Labor Day Walk across the Mackinac Bridge were Romulus Senior Center Program Coordinator Linda Norman and her husband Gerry, Sylvia Dubisky, and Garold and Marilyn Hoffer. The event was a first for both Dubisky and the Normans, although the Hoffers laid claim to one year of previous experience.

It was dark when the group began, giving them an opportunity to see a beautiful sunrise over Lake Huron, and the weather was pleasant for walking. In all, the hike took about 90 minutes to complete, and left everyone feeling exhilarated at its end.

A further highlight for Dubisky was the fact that she was among several walkers interviewed by the *St. Ignace News* concerning her participation in the event.

Will the group repeat (or, in the case of the Hoffmans, "threepeat") in 1999?

"It's definitely a possibility," Dubisky said.

Bake/Rummage Sale at Whispering Willows

Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) will hold its annual bake and rummage sale in the main lobby area on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Titanic

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Titanic*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 28. As always, refreshments will be served.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Exercise/Toning

The Romulus Senior Center is offering a free, twice-weekly toning/stretching/exercise class on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:20 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. (Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.)

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.

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- **Oglebay Festival of Lights**
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Volunteers Needed

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement. For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441.

Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For information, call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852. □

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